

**Abstract of the Disclosure**

The invention relates to a triggering unit for initiating pyrotechnical elements.

The inventive unit comprises a control component, a rectifier (12), an energy store (15), a voltage regulator (13), a data coupling device (11), a current limiter and a suppressor circuit (10). The aim of the invention is to enable an up to now unknown variety of variants pertaining to characteristics and functionality without having to change the hardware or the design of the chip. To this end, the control component is a programmable microprocessor (10) with an integrated program memory.